Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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official documents of the General Assembly.

Anything to keep the fires burning against the Jewish State here at the UN.

His crocodile - tear complaints coincided with Jimmy Carter's shameful visit to Amman where, in an effort to ingratiate himself with the Arabs -- he was just about ready to fly on to his Saudi friends -- he aped President Reagan's renege by stating that "the settlements are illegal and an obstacle to peace." This Bapuist, like his successor 'God-fearing' Reagan, should know better. A mazal - tov to them. They both must know what the Prophets of the Bible had predicted about Israel's rebirth within the historic boundaries and what they had to say about the vast territories allotted to Esau-Edom, Ishmael and their descendents, the Arabs, east and south of the Holy Land.

If they're going to quote the Bible, let them be consistent and practice what they preach. It would serve them well to reread the Bible and see what Isaiah -- recently quoted by Reagan -- and the other great Prophets had to say about the restoration of the People of the Book in their analyst harmoland.

The Jordanian complaints and grievances, contained in Salah's letters, were submitted on the strength of agenda item 69 of the Assembly entitled "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories." Paradoxically, and surely with evil intent, they condemn Israel for the vast improvements it has made in the administered areas in the fields of health, education, Labor, road building, electricity and water.

To King Hussein's man here these activities "have harmed the citizens generally and production enterprises in particular." What hurzpah! Apparently, the Arabs in Jordan and

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in the other Arab states do not wish to see their brothers and sisters residing in the territories under a benevolent Israeli administration fare better than them. Hence their continuous bickering about so - called Israeli 'violations' of human rights when in reality the Arabs in Judea and Samaria and the Gaza Strip have never had it better -- certainly not under Jordanian and Egyptian control.

In an attempt to show the UN that conflicts between certain Arab States do not affect Arab unity on economic and other issues, Mr. Sallah submitted another letter to the Secretary General entitled "Cooperation between the UN and the Arab League." In this communication he tries to smooth over the differences which have split a number of Arab countries in violent disputes. Many factors, including the PLO debacle in Lebanon, undoubtedly prompted the Jordanian to submit such a document at this time.

But facts and reality do not lie. Declared Dr. Isam Sartwai, spokesman for the PLO, during a recent interview conducted by the prothird world, pro - Arab magazine South: "The Arab world is today at its worst possible intra-Arab moment. Internecine Arab problems are very evident. We have differences between Iraq and Syria, between Syria and Jordan, between Saudi Arabia and Aden, between Algeria and Morocco; between Libya and a number of Arab states. Differences which were never so evident and so deep in any previous stage of Arab relations."

The bitter spokesman of Arafat continued to complain: "The Iraqi - Iranian war has polarised the Arab world into an Arab group supporting Iran and another Arab group -- the majority of the rest of the Arab world supporting Iraq. The Polisaria problem, also, has polarised the Arab world into two camps."

One can only wonder why, in the light of the murderous history of the PLO, of the pro - PLO stand by Jordan and Saudi Arabia and the rest of unstable Arab regimes, why President Reagan belittles and neglects America's one and only reliable ally in the region and stubbornly insists that settlements are an "obstacle to peace." Mr. President, see what the Bible says about Jewish settlements and what and who actually represent "an obstacle to peace."

EEC URGES PLO TO SUPPORT REAGAN INITIATIVE

BRUSSELS (WNS) -The 10 - member states
of the European Economic Community
(EEC) called on the
Palestinian people and
the Palestine Liberation Organization to
back President Reagan's Middle East
peace negotiations in
the region.

The official statement, issued at the EEC summit conference here March 22 also urged the Arab states to take "full advantage" of the current opportunity to try to reach a peace settlement in the Middle East. The joint communique reasserted the right of all states in the region to live in peace behind secure

At the same time, reaffirmed its "past statements" which include the Venice declaration of June, 1980, and spe-cifically called for the implementation of the rights of the Palestinian people "with all that this implies". The Venice declaration has called, among other things, for PLO "association" in any Middle East process.

Sources here said the 10 Presidents and prime Ministers of the nations which compose the EEC, complete unanimity "to fully back Am-erica's efforts" and to do all they can to achieve the complete withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. The 10 included Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany and President Francois Mitterrand of France.

Meanwhile, two days after the EEC issued its statement, Israel lashed out at the member states and denounced as "total distortion" the Middle East declaration it adopted in Brussels. Israel declared its "utter rejection" of the EEC call for a halt to settlement building on the West Bank, in an official statement released here March 24. Israel said "the only obstacle to peace is the refusal of the Arab governments to conduct negotiations on the subject without precon-

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